

OUR TOWN

Summer, 1975



Special Town Meeting Held on June 18

At a lively and well-attended meeting on June 18 the townspeople of Monterey, along with a considerable number of summer residents, met to discuss the proposed appropriation of \$15,500 for a limnological survey of Lake Buel to determine the causes and the extent of the weed problem there. Almost two hours of discussion took place before by secret ballot. The outcome was approval of the appropriation by a narrow margin of 54 to 41 votes. In the absence of the Town Moderator, William Mielke, John Ryder was appointed moderator. Discussion centered around an analysis of the necessity of this type of survey at the present time and the fear on the part of some persons present that the work projected

would be a duplication of other surveys already underway. Dr. Robert Coler, who will head up the project, and his associate, Mr. O. T. Zajicek, outlined their plans and Jed Lipsky, of the Conservation Commission explained the area that would be covered by Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. If this is sufficient to study and solve the problems of Lake Buel the funds approved for Dr. Coler's study need not be released. Selectman Matt Williams, a member of the Lake Buel Improvement Association, also emphasized that this expenditure was contingent upon the results of similar ecological studies which might be conducted in Berkshire County under the suspices of the federal government. Thus, the releasing of funds for this particular survey will be at the discretion of the Selectmen of Monterey. And that is where the project stands at present.

A second article on the Warrant, the appropriation of \$2,620.34 for the machinery account, was approved without 'issent by a voice vote.

Dr. Coler Opens Laboratory on Lake Buel

At a meeting of the Lake Buel Association (not to be confused with the Lake Buel Improvement Association) on July 4 an advance donation of \$4,000 was made for the limnological survey of Lake Buel which is now underway. This is pending the release of Town funds by the Selectmen. Dr. Coler and his six assistants from the University of Massachusetts are gathering water samples from the lake at various depths. Only when their analysis has been completed can they determine the "cure" for Lake Buel, but herbicides and the weed-eating white amur fish are not envisioned as a solution, the drawbacks of such measures having been proven elsewhere.

Monterey Town Plan

The Monterey Citizens Advisory Committee is continuing to meet every third week to assist Randy Neel and Janet Flory in their work on the Town Plan. The next Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office. The topics to be discussed include a) conclusions and tentative recommendations that can be made from the questionnaire sent to year-round residents and b) population trends in Monterey since the 1940's. Randy and Janet are working in the Selectmen's Office Monday through Thursday and if you would like to discuss their work or view the maps, feel free to drop in. They hope to see both old and new members at the next meeting.

Police Picnic August 2 in Bidwell Park

The third annual police picnic will be held August 2 in Bidwell Park from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please get your tickets early — we have just so many. If you cannot make it, the Department will accept any and all contributions. This year we are planning to buy two portable radios.

We in the Department thank you all for your help in the past and thank you now for helping to make this picnic a great success.

Douglas Lyman Police Chief



CATHULIC CHURCH

The Chapel is open for the summer. Mass every Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Father Thrasher has been sent to help Father Dion.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes The funeral of Bertha Hall took place on Thursday, June 26.

Bicentennial Restoration Program Much of the work on the interior of the church has been completed in connection with the Bicentennial Restoration Program. There

are still areas of "final things" that are in process which we hope may completed early in August. Tilo Kaufmann, the C.E.T.A. employee craftsman, will be with us through August. Projects other than the sanctuary are being undertaken. The two with greatest urgency are making the fire escape safe again and repairing the damaged front steps.

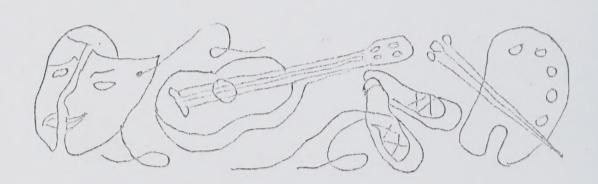
Sunday, August 3, has been designated as Loyalty Sunday in the program

Lovalty to secure the financial capability of the church for the coming year.

Sunday The plan this year is highlighting the need for a concerted program over the next few years to restore the meeting-house to good condition.

The Bicentennial Program has caused us to take a deeper look at some of the more urgent needs pressing upon us. Our program this year will lift up the importance of a number of "unusual gifts" in order to fulfill our faithfulness to the heritage we have received.

The folk oratorio written by Stephen Rose which was first pre"Jesus Christ: sented at the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of
God's Outlaw" Christ is to be presented in the Monterey Church on Friday, July
25 at 8:00 p.m. The performance will be given by Stephen and
Lois Rose and Larry and Alice Spatz. The oratorio employs quite a large variety
of musical instruments and types of music. The community is cordially invited.
A donation will be received at the door to help defray expenses in its presentation.



THE MONTEREY ARTS FESTIVAL

The sixth annual Monterey Festival of the Arts will be held from August 8 to 17. The festival includes an art gallery, craft exhibits, local musicians, poets, a community sing, square dancing, studio tours, a potluck picnic, a concert by Richard Dyer-Bennet and, as the culmination, our traditional ecumenical worship service.

More than ever this year we are looking for wide-scale community participation to make this truly a Monterey Festival, put together by and for us. Your help is needed as hosts and hostesses, committee workers and odd jobbers. We would appreciate, of course your donations to cover costs of printed programs, postage and performers.

A meeting for all those interested in helping will be held Thursday, July 24, in the church basement at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

For further information write: The Monterey Festival of the Arts, Box 9, Monterey, or call 528-2074.

Recently I had a dream. I thought I was teaching a class of a dozen persons about gardening. I was also being taught at the same time. A row of seeds had been planted. I had the class kneel before the seeds as a reminder that they were to respect the life that was in the seeds. They were in no way to try to get the seeds to grow differently than was natural to them. But this attitude was to be a great source of help in aiding the seeds to fulfill their true potential.

As I was awakening from the dream I had the feeling of seeing some great reve-

As I was awakening from the dream I had the feeling of seeing some great revelation about gardening. Soon this feeling faded and I concluded it had much more to say about human relations than it did about gardening. Yet within a few weeks I saw also its deep relationship to gardening. I was late putting in poles for beans. I thought I would help the reaching tendrils get started, so I wrapped each of them around the poles, going clockwise. The next day most of the vines had fallen off the poles. Two of them had grabbed little twigs and started going around the other way. Then I knew that I had not knelt sufficiently before these seeds. I was violating their natural way of being. How much better things went for the beans once their deep "inner nature" was respected. There is a flow in the life of a bean and until I learn to cooperate with this flow I am more of a hindrance than a help.

As much as I am trying to be a good gardener, I am yet more profoundly concerned with the seed that is in the life of each person around me. Here is where I find myself standing in awe at the mystery of the lives that have been given us. I keep discovering a life force or flow that is trying to express itself. Only as I and others listen carefully -- and respect deeply -- what this flow is trying to achieve does that life take on a sense of fulfillment.

I blush when I remember trying to force the flow of life when two of our boys were in early childhood. They were in the "cops and robbers" stage. But I wanted my boys to grow up without this need for violent, aggressive behavior. I refused to get them the guns their playmates were shooting each other dead with in such abandon and glee. I would teach them a better way. Soon I noticed that every crooked stick was being turned into a gun. The ceaseless slaughter of cops, robbers, Indians and other assorted good and bad guys went on, no matter which way I tried to wind the vine. Indeed, I began to suspect that my very prohibition was intensifying the aggressiveness. So -- I went out and bought the boys a couple of guns that banged loudly and smoked, a bit fearful that I might be adding to the corruption of their young souls. But now I am happy to report it all turned out well. Within a year their aggressive streak had spent itself. Shortly the guns were forgotten. What made me so sure that I was wiser than the life seed that was in my boys?

I am not willing to convert this simple story into a universal rule that says "Let your kids do anything they want and all will be well." Nevertheless, I hope that with my children or anyone else with whom I have to deal, when I confront a strong force or flow in life, ' will have the respect to ponder what is trying to get expressed before I assume I can blithely "wrap it around the pole the other way."

As much as I would urge reverence for the seed that is in the life of others, the strongest weight I would give here is that we give more respect to the flow of life that each of us finds in himself. I cannot but utter a sigh of lament when I think of the vast amount of life flow that presents itself to us — but we sit on it, drown it, crush it. In a time of grief the tears may want to flow but the person bites his lip instead. There are the persons for whom we feel warmth and affection, but we mask our face for fear of being misunderstood. Situations or persons may hurt or anger us, but we put on a smiling face. In so many ways we build these artificial devices, supposing that if we wind our lives aroung another way we will make them better.

Consider also the many interests that present themselves to us asking for time and attention. Here, I am speaking of those interests that arise from some deep place within us, not those that others try to foist upon us. Yet how much of our lives is spent nipping off these buds of possible growth! Some of us were taught to spend all our energies on making a living, yet we may be led to question whether we might not better have spent more time and attention making a life. Most of us in our "mature years" must confess that we have erred on the side of pruning cff too much of the potential for living within us. We were afraid. We were bound by horizons that were too limited. Most of all, we did not learn to trust the seed in our own lives, to kneel, to reverence, the life flow that was within us. It has a deeper wisdom than most of us are willing to allow. And it is still there inviting us to partake of the banquet of life.

I would not want anyone to suppose that this article is advocating living by sheer impulse. This would be to fall off the other side of the human dilemma. There is no doubt in my mind that the large part of those who read this article are not in danger from impulsive living nearly so much as they are from having lied to themselves about the deeper qualities of life they have been afraid to experience.

In this day many Christians are beginning to talk about a dimension in life they call the Holy Spirit. What they experience is a force, a flow, a current of power in their lives that amazes them and has strange ways of breaking out from the ordinary expectations. This much is certain: those who experience the Holy Spirit testify to being shaken out of the ruts in which their lives have been traveling. What I have been talking about, I am confident, is more related to the Holy in the person than we have been willing to believe. The psalmist marveled, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." You'd better believe it!

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister Monterey United Church of Christ



In July 5 J mice Dunlop and Poter Chirns were married in Keene, New Hampshire. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Hampton Price, former Executive Director of Gould Farm. The bride's father gave her away. Dara Jenssen of Monterey was her maid of honor. The bride wore white, with a garland of wild roses in her hair. She carried a bouquet of wild roses. The wedding was held outdoors in a garden enclosure. A buffet luncheon followed the ceremony. Others present were the bride's mother, Gladys Dunlop, her aunt, Mrs. Jean De Bell and her cousin, Robbin De Bell, four of her brothers, Craig, Stephen, Bryan and Christopher Dunlop, and many friends including Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Simons of Monterey.

On Sunday, July 6, Pastor Richard Lindgren returned to the Farm for his sixth visit. With him were eight young people coming from Lutheran churches in Connecticut, New Hampshire, New York and Pennsylvania, to spend ten days at the Farm in a work and worship retreat. The weeded the lagoon ponds and the gardens, picking and shelling peas, shelling corn and painting two cottages, Dairy Dell and Robinson. The genuine concern shown by this and other church-related groups, the religious services they held for the community, the fun which they shared with us and the practical services they rendered all combine to make us look forward with pleasure to their annual return.

Two additional young people have joined the summer staff. They are Catherine McKee, coming from the University of Michigan, and Patricia Guy from Antioch College. We are glad to report that Jetske Bennema, who spent a year here as a Brethren Volunteer Services worker ten years ago, and a summer seven years ago, has come to this country again from her home in the Netherlands. She plans to be at the Farm for a month as a volunteer worker.

Mrs. Mila Gardner has returned for another six-week period with groups at the Farm, working in body movements and the dance. Her similar sessions last winter were enthusiastically received.

Resident representatives of the Earm met here July 7 with Mr. Terry Halleck of Russell and Messrs. Gibson and von Dohlen of Pittsfield to discuss details involved in plans for the new guest residence. The architect remarked, "We have a fine site." If town and state approval are given this fall the building can probably ready for occupancy next spring.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE #291

Early in June the following officers were elected for 1975-76: Master - John Lossin; Overseer - Carl Jespersen; Lecturer - Mary Wallace; Steward - Margaret Cummings; Assistant Steward - Stanley Zilka; Lady Assistant Steward - Susan Holcomb; Chaolain - Ethel Ketchen; Treacurer - Anne Vickerman; Secretary - Alice Shaffer; Gatekeeper - Warren Thomson; Ceres - Violet Hardisty; Pomona - Annette Nelson; Executive Committee - Floyd McKay; Pianist - Olive McKay; Assistant Pianist - Helen Schroder.

On June 19 members enjoyed a mystery ride to East Chatham, N.Y. On June 24 17 members went to Umpachen e Grange and put in a program. On July 5 some of the Monterey Grange sisters made and donated 903 cookies to the Veterans' Hospital in Leeds. On July 16 Worthy State Overseer Vernon West was present to talk on Mass. State Grange Cancer Insurance and presented four 25-year certificates.

Mary Wallace Lecturer



On July 5 the 1975 Annual Meeting of the Monterey Historical Society took place in the church basement.

About 45 persons were present. President Sally Fijux stated that plans are being made for a tag sale on August 2. It is hoped that articles for the sale can be left in the basement for a few days before the sale.

Beatrice Phillips was elected of the society for the three-year term expiring in July, 1978.

After other business that came before the meeting had been completed Mrs. Fijux introduced Mr. Stephen Bud-

row, of Pittsfield, a member of the Berkshire County Historical Society, who gave a fascinating talk about cemeteries and headstones. He has been working in schools to get children interested in the historical value of gravestones and suggested that young people might be enlisted in making up a record of all headstones in the cemeteries, as a reference for geneological or historical purposes. He showed examples of reproductions of stones he has made by rubbings and also read several amusing epitaphs taken from old stones.

After the meeting several of the members walked across the road to the library to inspect the work done to date on the museum wing.

Gertrude Gould Secretary



LITTLE LEAGUE

The Monturey Yankees' Little League's last game of the season was on July 14, a home game. The All Star Game was held on June 20. The drawing for an AM-FM radio took place and the boy who sold the most tickets won a trip to Fenway Park in Boston or to Shea Stadium in New York to see a ball game. Names of winners are not available at the present writing. While the Little League has not been too successful this year because of the young age of the members it is hoped that next year will be better.

SCOUTS

The Webelo troop, accompanied by Mrs. Pat Andrus and Mrs. Meryellen Brown, went on an overnight camping trip on the Appalachian Trail on June 20 and 21. Eight boys made the trip. The group met several hikers going from Georgia to Maine. One man was a herb specialist and was making a collection of native herbs. He showed the group how to make tea from different plant life. Mrs. Pat Andrus will be the Webelo leader for the next year that starts in October.

4-H FAIR

The five Monterey 4-H clubs will hold a <u>4-H Fair</u> and <u>field Day</u> on Saturday, August 23. The fair will start at 9:30 and go to 12:30. The boys and girls will be showing different projects in their 4-H program. A baked foods table, fresh vegetables, handmade crafts and farm animals will constitute a few of the members' displays. Every half hour there will be a demonstration in some phase of 4-H. There will also be a lemonade stand and a couple of games booths.

At one o'clock the Field Day will take place under the direction of the Monterey Park Commission. Relay races and a softball game have been planned.

Everyone is invited to come and have a good time and see what the 4-H is doing in town. All events will take place in Greene Park.

4-H NEWS - GENERAL

Shawn Ryder attended 4-H Camp Howe in Goshen, Mass. for one week. He received his Polar Bear award and a certificate in completing the Snorkel and Mask Diving course.

Kristine Heath is attending the Southern New England Horse camp in Spencer, Mass. this week, and Kenny Heath is at Camp Howe

The Berkshire County 4-H Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16 at the Berkshire Fair Grounds in Hancock, Mass.

The week of August 4-8 has been designated as Berkshire County Blood Testing for all 4-H poultry exhibitors and adult fanciers in the county. Anyone planning to exhibit at <u>any</u> fair in Massachusetts, as well as the Berkshire County 4-H Fair, should have the blood test made. The cost is 5¢ a bird. Card applications for blood testing are available from the County 4-H office <u>prior</u> to August 4.

MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The summer schedule for the Youth is as follows: Sunday, July 27, a swimming and boating party at Lake Garfield. Everyone is to meet at Champigny's A-frame at 2:00 p.m. Overnight camping and hiking on August 8 or 9. Tentative plans for an outdoors dance on August 22. The public is invited.

There has been an increase of interest in the Youth Group, and with boys and girls of varying ages. The group is considering breaking up into a Junior Group and a Senior Group in the fall.

MONTEREY COMMUNITY CENTER

The Monterey Community Center Steering Committee plans to issue a directory of services available in Monterey. The directory will give names and phone numbers of persons offering various services, listed under such headings as Antiques, Auto Service, Camps, etc. The directory will also list emergency phone numbers, the hours of stores, library, sanitary landfill and other information of community interest. If you offer a service you would like to have listed please phone Will Friedman.

(continued on next page)

MONTEREY COMMUNITY CENTER (continued)

The Community Center has published a schedula of programs for July. Townspeople are invited to submit information about events in August to be included in the August schedule. Call Will Friedman before August 1.

The highly touted ice creem stand has been entangled in red tape but it will soon reach its final resting place at the town beach. Watch for its Grand Opening.

The Steering Committee has been working hard to give body to the idea of a Community Center in Monterey. On the questionnaires collected by Janet Flory and Randy Neel the need expressed most often was for such a center. We need to hear from everybody. Call or come to our next meeting Thursday, July 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the church basement.

We have received a few generous donations and would gratefully accept any others. The ice cream stand should make some money for future projects but we need more than we have to start with. Whatever is proffered, money, time, talent or listings should be directed to Will Friedman, Box 354, Telephone 528-4825.

FRED LANCOME'S SCULPTURE

A fine exhibition of Fred Lancome's sculpture opened July 1st and runs through July 28, Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Welles Gallery of the Lenox Library.

The 21 figures in different colors of natural or treated wood, as well as bronze -- 5 each in bronze, mahagany and teak, 4 in tulipwood, and one each in cherry and ebony -- are beautifully shown off in the light, spacious room.

Many of our readers, having seen a few of his statues at our Monterey Art Festivals or at the Lancomes' gournet restaurant, Sun-Inside, will be glad to see more. To To those unfamiliar with his work, perhaps it can be characterized as consisting of neat, beautiful human figures, very smoothly executed, with sometimes a geometric effect in the positions, a happy compromise between realism and the abstract, without distortion of the human figure. The artist has explained his purpose as that of capturing the vitality and movement of the human form through economy of line.

Fred Lancome was born in Brussels, studied at the Beaux Arts, Paris, and has exhibited both abroad and in this country, including a one-man show at the Berkshire Museum three years ago.

Margery Janes

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Since our last issue we have r ceived contributions from Col. Lawrence Bolvig, Miss Kathleen King and Marcel Pasche. Thank you for remembering us!

STAFF

Editor: Patricia Howard

Managing Editor: Virgil Brallier

Art Editor: Edith Wilson

Youth Editor: Lois Ryder

Circulation Manager: Gertrude Gould

Consultant: Margery Mansfield James

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MONTEREY, MASSACHUSETTS 01245 Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
1.8 paid
Monterey, Mass.
Formit #2

Monterey Library Monterey



